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For: DIELECTRIC LAYER FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.